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The Sea in CIA

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THE NEW chief of the Central Intelligence Agency is a retired admiral. A good man to have in charge when, as occasionally happens, the CIA is at sea.

UNDERSECRETARY of State Ball says the Reds haven't actually rejected LBJ's peace bid. Unless you want to view as a rejection their statement that the plan is "a big swindle" offered by "a stupid pirate."

CONGRESSMAN Adam Clayton Powell complains that politicians are using antipoverty funds for "giant fiestas of political patronage." As Congress' leading participant in tax-paid fiestas, is he expressing righteous in dignation or jealousy?

ANYBODY who ever attended a luncheon club meeting is familiar with the chairman-of-the-day who takes 15 minutes to tell you how brief he is going to be.

THE REDS charge that the ruthless spirit of James Bond is with the Americans in Viet Nam. If true, we could withdraw all our forces except for one chap, who'd then tidy up matters with a cool gaze and a small-calibre automatic.

HISTORIC utterances are sometimes distorted. We suspect Admiral Farragut was merely expressing surprise and ordering evasive action when he cried; "Damn, the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!"

AS IF THE Viet Nam war, the Alabama tensions, and the Midwestern tornadoes were not enough, along comes the baseball season, piling on top of everything else the annual Sandy Koufax crisis.